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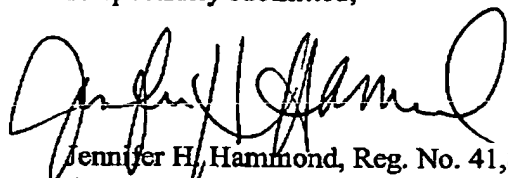
Examiner has rejection independent claims 1 & 15 of Applicant's application based on "35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Elsner USPN4841102."

To establish a prima facie case of obviousness, three basic criteria must be met. First, there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference or to combine the teachings. Second, there must be a reasonable expectation of success. Finally, the prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest or all the claim limitation. The teaching or suggestion to make the claimed combination and the reasonable expectation of success must both be found in the prior art, and not based on applicant's disclosure.

The Examiner, in his Office Action, failed to indicate a second reference for which the combined teachings with Elsner '102 teach or suggest all the claim limitations in Applicant's independent claims 1 & 15. Thus, Applicant does not believe that the Examiner has established a prima facie case of obviousness under 103(a). Accordingly, Applicant believes that the independent claims 1 & 15 are allowable over the prior art. Since claims 2-14 and 16-24 depending from otherwise allowable claims, Applicant believes that all its claims are in condition for allowance.

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